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3:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Meet/Greet the RCA Commission Members, COS, Anna Kim - Privileged or Person
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Thank you, Janice

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Gov. Sarah Palin was the one who proposed the oil tax increase. Palin administration officials were surprised to learn of Huggins' bill on Friday.

"I think it would be something that would inspire a lot of internal discussion," said Russ Kelly, the governor's legislative director.

The oil company BP had a cautious reaction to the proposal to get rid of the retroactivity and the limit on how much it can deduct.

"These are two elements of the (oil) tax bill that concerned us very much," said BP spokesman Steve Rinehart. "But we are still assessing Senator Huggins' legislation."

Find Sean Cockerham online at adn.com/contact/scockerham <http://adn.com/contact/scockerham> or call him at 907-586-1531.

GO DEEPER: Reader reaction to Ellis as majority leader, timing conflicts over drilling and polar bear studies.

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Senate Bill 242 at a glance

According to Sen. Charlie Huggins, R-Wasilla, his bill would:

• Change the start date for the oil tax increase the Legislature approved in November. The tax would start on Jan. 1, 2008, instead of June 30, 2007.

• Abolish the limit on how much oil companies can deduct from their tax bills for operating expenses at the Prudhoe Bay and Kuparuk oil fields. The law now limits growth of those deductions to 3 percent a year. Senate Bill 242 at a glance

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2008 9:53 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: Re: Telehone Call - Drop Out Student

Called the mom. Pls also give her # to Lynne- perhaps Lynn could call and share with the mom (as I did) that we are trying to make things better for schools, students, etc. Thanks J!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 18 Jan 2008 14:51:10

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Telehone Call - Drop Out Student

Governor - I am so sorry to have to email this request but just spoke with the mother of student and mother is very, very concerned. I explained that you were out of state but that we would try to get something set up.

Privileged or Pe, Mother of Privileged or Per just called. Privileg is very concerned regarding daughter dropping out of school. Privile works for Anchorage School District and is on way home today to talk with daughter. Daughter is very distraught. Privileg says she is just tired of the whole situation; people are not always honest with what they tell her. Privileg highly respects you, collects pictures of you, and has spoken to you at a previous event. Janice

Contact: Privileged or Pe (Mother) - 907-Privileged (cell)

Home Phone - 907-Privileged (home)

Privileged or Per (Daughter) - 907-Privileged (cell)

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Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2008 6:54 PM
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To: 'Sarah Palin'

Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Schedule for Monday, 01.21.08

Importance: High

Governor – Here is your schedule for **Monday, 01.21.08**. I will be in the office on Monday also as we have a full day.

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – AGIA Meeting w/video to ANC. GOV, Lt. Gov, COS, Balash, Comm. Irwin, Rutherford, Comm. Galvin

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Meet w/Sen. McGuire, Sen. Dyson, PNWER Group, COS, Kelly re: Drivers License Project, Norpass, PNWER

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. – Stop By: Balash, Brian Mason (Leg's Assembly of Alberta) re: Royalties & PPT – Mr. Mason is also asking for photo

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Read Proclamation: Martin Luther King Jr., Day - Juneau Christian Center – They'd like you to arrive by 1:45 p.m. Either Andy/Jason will arrive before event to take photos for the newsletter.

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Meet/Greet the RCA Commission Members, COS, Anna Kim – Privileged or Personal Ma Privileged or Personal Materi I will pick up cookies to serve with coffee.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – FYI: PNWER Reception at the Baranof Hotel

Also, we have received approx. 12 new requests for this week alone as most Mayors will be in town, etc. I would like to go over these with you either early Monday or tomorrow if you will be coming into the office. If you would prefer I could email the requests for this week to you. We just need to get these meetings set up with the Staff Assistants if you would prefer and we can list as stop-bys.

Thank you, Janice